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In re Patent Application of:
Zhuk et al.

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Art Unit: 2645

For: DYNAMIC SECURITY SYSTEM AND
METHOD, SUCH AS FOR USE IN A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Examiner: R. G. Foster

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the above-referenced Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of species from the following groups:

Species I: drawn to a first level of security, employing an algorithm that changes value, where the algorithm is known to the user (e.g., a series of digits based on the hours, day, week, year) (abstract and Figure 6) and corresponding claims 3, 7, 13, 19, 23, 24, 27, 32, 34, 37, 41, 43, 46, 49, 52, 57, 62, and 65;

Species II: drawn to a second level of security, which sends a security number to the user via a pager or phone, which they append to some portion of their PIN (abstract and Figure 7) and corresponding claims 2, 6, 16, 17, 22, 26, 33, 38, 42, 51, 64, 66, and 67;

Species III: drawn to a third level of security, which requires the user to interact with a series of predetermined questions (abstract and Figure 8) and corresponding claims 4, 20, 28, 35, 44, 45, and 46;

Species IV: drawn to a fourth level of security, which employs voice fingerprinting and voice pattern recognition (abstract and Figure 9) and corresponding claims 8, 10, and 18; and

Species V: drawn to a fifth level of security, which employs the use of a N x M matrix (abstract) and corresponding claims 47 and 58.

Claims 1, 5, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 25, 29-31, 36, 39, 40, 48, 50, 53-55, 59-61, 63, 67, and 68 are deemed generic by the Examiner.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

In response to the election requirement, applicants hereby elect Species I covered by claims 3, 7, 13, 19, 23, 24, 27, 32, 34, 37, 41, 43, 46, 49, 52, 57, 62, and 65.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

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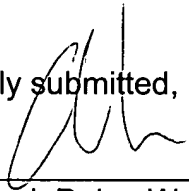
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An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 288278001US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Date: June 15, 2004

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